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## RE DON'T BELIEVE IT.

A Man Who Knows Jesse James Don't Believe He's Dead.

A Times Reporter's Talk with Geo. W. Maddox Last Saturday.

Something New About the Bandit—Jesse James in Butler, Etc.

Just at this time while, the public mind is still agitated over the murder of Jesse James, and the circumstances surrounding the affair are being discussed by the press of the whole country, every item or incident connected with the life of the bandit finds its way into print somewhere and in some way, and contributes to the interest and we might say excitement of the hour. Under such a state of affairs anything of a local nature would, of course, naturally be all the more interesting to everyone.

Recognizing this fact, and meeting Mr. George W. Maddox on the street Saturday, (knowing him to have been acquainted with the Jameses during the war, in fact having led Jesse James into the first battle in which he was ever engaged, and afterward fought side by side with him and all the members of his gang, including the Youngers, until the Confederate cause went down in defeat and Quantrell's guerrilla band was broken to pieces) a TIMES reporter engaged him in conversation on the leading topic of the day—the assassination of Jesse James.

It is proper to say here that at the close of the war Mr. Maddox returned to his home in Jackson county and began the improvement of his farm, determined to retrieve some of his lost fortunes. He quit the saddle and the battle field, and settled down to lead an honest life and reap an honest living. But he had been one of Quantrell's men, so bold and so true to the cause, that the guerrilla chief being asked who of his men were the bravest and most trustworthy spoke of George W. Maddox as among the number, hence he was arrested while in his field plowing one day, and being taken to Lawrence, Kansas, lay in prison for upward of a year, but was finally released. For a number of years Mr. Maddox has lived in this county, four miles west of Butler, on the Miami, and is a good, unassuming citizen, respected by all his neighbors.

The reporter put this question to Mr. Maddox, "what do you think of the killing of Jesse James?"

Maddox,—"Let's take a seat," (pointing to a goods box near by). After sitting down Mr. Maddox said: "I am not prepared to believe yet that Jesse James is dead."

"What are your reasons for believing that way?"

"Because the manner of his death was so much after the schemes he has time and again wanted me to engage in with him, in order to get the heavy rewards that hang over his head."

"Do you mean to say, Mr. Maddox, that the reported killing of Jesse James at St. Joe is a myth—a put up job to secure the reward?"

"Yes sir, that is my opinion. As I said, Jesse has urged me to assist in carrying out plans very much similar, in fact almost identical to the St. Joe case, and I am strongly of the opinion that if the facts are ever ascertained they will be just as I say. Besides the description does not fill the bill to my satisfaction. The idea of Jesse James living in Kansas City and St. Joe for months and dressed as any ordinary business man is absurd. Why, how could he possibly conceal from public view a belt of four or six large revolvers with simply a short business coat on—and Jesse James never went anywhere

without his belt of pistols."

"Have you seen the photograph in possession of George Todd of Jesse James, taken immediately after death?"

"Yes, I saw it. It is a photo, and it does not show the features of Jesse James. The photo shows a high forehead and thick lips, when Jesse has a low forehead and very thin lips, besides the beard on his face is not near so heavy and bushy as represented."

"How is it that Dick Little and Geo. Spepherd have testified to his identity?"

"That is very easy to explain. It was a part of the program that Little should surrender just when he did and secure promises of pardon and then be a competent witness in identifying the man killed as Jesse James. Only a few hundred dollars would induce Little and Spepherd to testify to such a story, and as many others as were necessary."

"How long since you saw Jesse James?"

"Late dinner with him in Kansas City about a year ago."

"Has Jesse James ever been in Butler?"

"Yes, Jesse and Jim Cummings were in Butler two years ago and took dinner at Despain's restaurant when he kept on the south side now occupied by Hough's Saloon. Jim Cummings has a sister in this county whom he visits occasionally."

[We would say here to the information of the public, that Jesse James passed through this county last fall and stayed over night with a gentleman living in Shawnee township.]

The reporter asked Mr. Maddox if he knew any thing about Frank James, (speaking of the rumor that Frank had been in business in Butler for the past winter, etc.)

Maddox (with a sort of grim at the absurdity of Frank James being in Butler),—"I do not know much about Frank of late. I only know that he is a very rich man, and at this time proprietor of a large clothing house in one of our large cities, and runs a large cattle ranch in the West. Of course the business is carried on under assumed names, and the men conducting either business, as have in the remotest idea what they are working for the somewhat notorious Frank James."

Just here Mr. Maddox's son came along and announced his readiness to go home as it was getting late in the afternoon, and thanking him for his kindness the reporter bade Mr. Maddox good day and each went his way.

## Again Offered Liberty.

Dublin April 27.—American suspects have again been offered liberty, on condition of leaving the country. They refused the offer. Lowell, on instructions from Washington, demanded their trial or release.

Four suspects were unconditionally released from St. Joe jail to-day.

Three farmers of Westmarch were arrested on suspicion of snatching murder.

The Land League outlay \$126,000. It has on hand \$50,000.

## The Ford Brothers to be Hanged.

St. Louis, April 17.—A report from St. Joe, says indictments were found against the Ford brothers this morning for murder in the first degree and that they were brought in to court this afternoon when they pleaded guilty and were sentenced to be hanged on the 19th of May.

## Have You Ever

Known any person to be seriously ill without a weak stomach or inactive liver or kidneys? And when these organs are in good condition do you not find their possessor enjoying good health? Parker's Ginger Tonic regulates these important organs, makes the blood rich and pure, and strengthens every part of the system. See other column. 18-1m.

## MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

No Tidings From Will Kessler—Foul Play Apprehended.

W. L. Kessler, the restaurant man of the west side, has departed for parts unknown. He left on the 28th of March, stating that he was going to Kansas City, and has not been heard of since.

Telegrams have been sent to his friends in Kentucky and a sister at St. Joe, Mo., and none of them know anything of his whereabouts. The prevailing impression is that he has either been foully dealt with or he has simply abandoned his business, as he seemed to owe a good deal of money. He had five or six hundred dollars on his person when he left.

Alluding to Mr. Kessler's disappearance, the Nevada Daily Democrat, of Saturday last, says:

"Butler is terribly excited just now over the report that Frank James has been living there the past winter and up to the time his brother Jesse was killed at St. Joseph, running a restaurant and lunch room, and passing himself off as Wm. Kessler. His sudden disappearance at that time, together with the amount of weapons found concealed in the vacated premises, calls to mind his resemblance to Frank James, and some of them are confident that the aforesaid Kessler was no less a personage than the much dreaded outlaw. We cannot believe it, but time will tell. In the meantime we would advise our Butler friends to put their trust in God and keep their powder dry. We want it distinctly understood that we haven't got anything against the James boys, and if we had we wouldn't care about them knowing it."

## Timely Warning.

Schwerin, April 17.—A fire broke out in the theatre last night during the performance of "Robert Bertram." The clearing of the house was effected without accident or confusion. The audience was timely informed from the stage of the outbreak of the fire. Grand Duke Melinburg Schwerin also spoke some reasoning words to the people. The theatre was completely destroyed, but the walls remain standing.

## Observing Lincoln's Anniversary.

Special to Post-Dispatch.

Springfield, Ill., April 15.—The seventeenth anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln was observed here to-day by memorial services at the catacomb of the National Lincoln Monument, under the auspices of the Lincoln Guard of honor. The members of the Legislature and a large number of citizens were present. The song "In Memorial of Abraham Lincoln" was sung by a double quartette, and the principal address was delivered by Gov. Culom. John Carroll Power read extracts from Lincoln's speeches.

## Recognized.

Chicago, April 17.—Geo. B. Armstrong, eldest son of the late Col. Geo. B. Armstrong, founder of the United States railway mail service, was to-day appointed by President Arthur Register of the Land Office, at Huron, Dakota. Mr. Armstrong has been for ten years on the staff of the Inter-Ocean and for five years its city editor. He was for three years a member of the board of education, one year its Vice-President, and for three years was director of the public library. He has been signally efficient in all these positions, and carries with him the best wishes of all newspaper men here.

## Experience the Best Guide

The reason why women everywhere use Parker's Ginger Tonic is, because they have learned by experience—the best guide—that this excellent medicine overcomes despondency, periodical headache, indigestion, pain in the back and kidneys, and other troubles of the sex.—Home Journal. 18-1m.

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We desire to inform the people of Butler, and Bates county, that our IMMENSE stock of Spring and Summer Goods have arrived and are now on exhibition. We shall hold our grand informal reception each day in the week, (Sunday excepted), from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., and would be pleased to have every man, woman and child in the county to call and inspect our goods.

## In our Dress Goods Department,

will be found all the novelties of the season embracing New Cashmeres, New Neck Silks, New Bunting, New Check Moires, New Bengalines, New Albacross, New Checked Worsteds, New Cold Moires, New Wool Plaids, New Summer Silks, New Trimmings to match any shade. Ladies need not hesitate to come and look at these goods, we are glad to show them.

## Our Black Goods Department.

We are showing the most complete line ever offered in the market. We guarantee prices in every instance. Moire Silks, Black Cashmeres, Moire Satins, Black Alpacos, Gros Grains, Bombazines, Mervelleux, Henriettas, Rhadames, Nuns Veilings, French Bunting, French Boymaise, French Bengaline.

## Wash Goods Department

Special attention paid to selections, can show more novelties in this department than any other house in the city. White Dress Goods a specialty. White dotted mull, cream dotted mull, white plaid muslin, cream plaid muslin, white checked lawn, cream checked lawn, persian lawn, india lawn. Plain mull in all shades, muslin, white checked lawn, very stylish. FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT Tremendous assortment of figured and dotted swiss, lace collars, mull fichus, mull ties, embroidered scarfs, spanish scarf, at of Hamburg edges, corchaun laces. Spanish laces, molere laces, and a great variety of other laces cheap.

## MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

We desire to call the attention of the public to our tailoring department. We have secured the services of the best workman in the west, and are prepared to do work in this line in the most approved style, in fact we guarantee all work that leaves the shop. We would be pleased to have every gentleman in Butler and vicinity call and examine our splendid line of piece goods, and let us take an order for a suit. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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## Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, } ss.  
County of Bates, }  
In the Probate Court for the county of Bates, February term, 1882.  
Eliza C. Lusk and Wm. Kenney Administrators of J. B. Lusk deceased, present to the court his petition, praying for an order for the sale of so much of the real estate of said deceased as will pay said estate, and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets, accompanied by the accounts, list and inventories required by law in such cases; on examination whereof it is ordered, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court, to be held on the 2nd Monday of May next, an order will be made for the sale of the whole, or so much of the real estate of said deceased as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts; and it is further ordered, that this notice be published in some newspaper in this State, for four weeks before the next term of this court.  
State of Missouri, } ss.  
County of Bates, }  
I, D. V. Brown Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court, held in and for said county, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original order of publication therein referred to, as the same appears of record in this office.  
Witness my hand and seal of said court. Done at office in Butler, this 17th day of April, A. D. 1882.  
D. V. Brown  
Judge of Probate.

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